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May 7, 2008

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SR-6J

Mr. Michael J. Erickson
Senior Engineer II/Associate
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RE: Plainwell No. 2 Dam Area Investigation Plan

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the April 17, 2008 Plainwell No. 2 Dam Area Investigation Plan for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site. The plan is part of the Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study for Area 1. The plan is designed to investigate the nature and extent of any contamination in the historically-inundated area upstream of the Plainwell No. 2 dam.

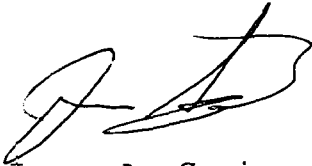
A conference call was held on May 6, 2008, to clarify a few issues regarding the intent of the plan. During the call it was agreed that ARCADIS will work with U.S. EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in determining which cores will be analyzed from the sediment probing locations, and what if any additional areas should be sampled. The intent is to develop a map with core sample locations from the probing work and potential depositional areas. Both U.S.EPA and MDEQ will have a chance to review the map and any other figures developed by ARCADIS before any additional core sampling occurs. This will ensure all parties are in agreement on the percentage of sampling of both fine and course sediment.

Also, a field sampling schedule must be submitted to U.S. EPA and MDEQ before any field work can begin.

The Plainwell No. 2 dam area investigation plan appears comprehensive and technically adequate. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the plan.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Saric', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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